

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Shinsuke NAKANE, et al.

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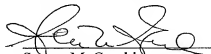
**LETTER TO EXAMINER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the Office Action dated October 16, 2009, the Examiner indicates that the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on December 29, 2008 fails to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) because it does not include a concise explanation of relevance of the Japanese Office Action. However, the Japanese Office Action that was submitted was for the Examiner's information only, since it cites the listed references. No translation of that Japanese Office Action was readily available, but the concise statements of relevance for the cited references are provided by the English language abstracts. Applicants thank the Examiner for initialing the cited references, thereby confirming that they have been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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